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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a letter dated 18 April 1996 addressed to you by Mr. Mohammed Said Al-Sahaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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Annex

Letter dated 18 April 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 4 April 1996 addressed to you by the representative of the Kuwaiti regime to the United Nations (S/1996/249).

This letter does not shed any light on the damning evidence reported in minute detail in the confessions of the agents of the Kuwaiti regime.

Moreover, the arguments put forth in the letter are full of contradictions. The representative of the Kuwaiti regime asserts that the policy of his country is marked by its commitment to the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States. At the same time, he makes allegations concerning Iraq's oppressive policies.

The letter from the representative of the Kuwaiti regime completely ignores the question under consideration and is nothing more than a feeble subterfuge.

(Signed) Mohammed Said AL-SAHAF
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq